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ATHLETICS AND SPENDING: SPECIAL REPORT

Defining place of athletics a tricky task

By STEVE THOMAS

university (yoo'ne vur'si te), n., pl. ties, an institution of learning of the highest level, comprising a college of liberal arts, a program of graduate studies, and several professional schools, and authorized to confer both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

When Noah Webster was nearing the end of his task of defining words, he probably double-checked the definition of this strange word.

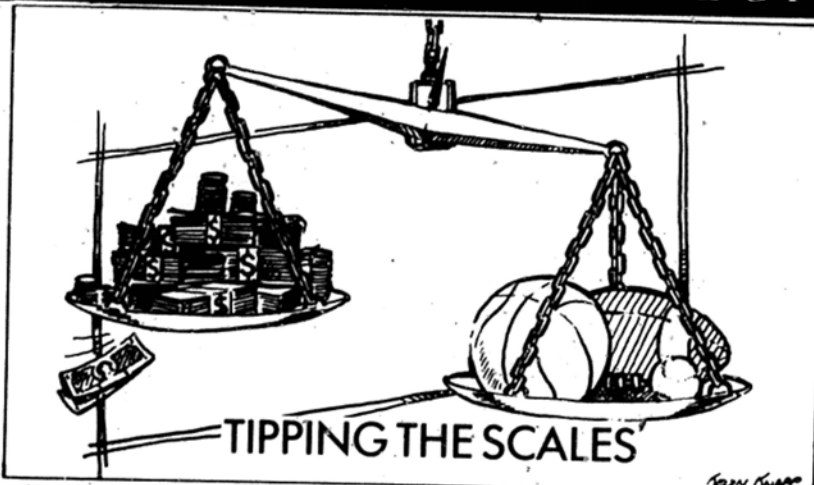
He finally decided it was a place of the highest learning.

However, Webster's definition was apparently incomplete. He could have added that it can be a place where taxpayers spend millions of dollars to train athletes.

In the 19th century, journalist Henry W. Grady predicted that "the university will be the training camp of the future."

But he probably wasn't thinking in terms of a football, basketball or baseball camp.

Apparently, Western's Faculty Senate



doesn't think so either. At a meeting Thursday, the group recommended considering a drop of the football program from Division I-AA to Division III.

That's one way to save money in the athletic budget, which is in "a state of crisis," the group said.

Western has an athletic budget of \$1,940,004 for 1984-85.

Football spent the most — \$738,345 — while bringing in just \$180,000. The total athletic revenue was \$1,054,403, which went back to the general fund in Frankfort.

Of Western's total budget of \$65,215,149, athletic spending represents 2.9 percent.

The football team returned about \$1 for every \$4 spent. Meanwhile, the total athletic

program returned about \$1 for every \$2 spent.

You might ask why the state supports such spending and why taxpayers allow it.

Answer No. 1: It doesn't directly.

Answer No. 2: They probably don't know about it.

The state Council on Higher Education released a progress report last fall on recommendations made by the Prichard Committee to improve higher education in Kentucky. It flatly said it didn't support financing athletics.

"The CHE position in budget recommend-

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Senate advises checking out division drop

By MARCIA ROBERTSON

The Faculty Senate wants Western to tackle its costly football program which, it says, has driven the athletic deficit to a state of "crisis."

The senate voted Thursday to ask the university to consider dropping football from Division I-AA to Division III in order to reduce athletic spending.

According to a committee report presented at the meeting, the athletic program has a deficit of about \$1.1 million.

Dr. David Lee, chairman of the senate committee on fiscal affairs that compiled the report, said that supporting a Division I-A football program "diminishes our ability to compete in the Sun Belt Conference and our ability to compete in other conference sports."

Lee said that since Western is the only school in the Sun Belt Conference that sponsors football, it can only hurt in fielding the six conference-supported programs.

A move to Division III would eliminate all

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INSIDE

Today's Herald includes a special report on athletics and spending, a major topic of discussion and concern at Western.

The report presents two viewpoints supporting athletics, a report on recent developments concerning TV revenue for I-AA football teams and concludes with an article on the University of Dayton's football team, which made a successful drop to Division III.

Regents back Division I-AA—for now

By CHAD CARLTON

President Donald Zacharias said last week that the Board of Regents is "clearly" committed to keeping the football program at the Division I-AA level. But just how deep that commitment is and how long it will last is uncertain.

Most of the regents contacted this weekend said they feel Western is committed to Div-

ision I-AA for at least two more years, when Coach Dave Roberts' three-year contract expires.

Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller said that staying at Division I-AA "was clearly the board's position when they made that decision a year ago, but I'm not so sure that's the board's position now."

She said Roberts' contract was a "three-year commitment."

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Giant Flea Market nets crowd of 34,000

By JOHN HART

Armed with an electric megaphone and an eccentric sense of humor, Charles Lackey advertised his merchandise to the thousands of people milling about the Agricultural Exposition Center.

Lackey, who was one of 106 vendors at last weekend's Giant Flea Market at the center, calls himself a "purebred street hustler." He said he has to be prepared to bargain with people even if he only breaks even.

"I jockey like crazy," he said. "I give the people a little show. They like it." Lackey stood in front of wares that ranged from phones and guitars to python boots.

Lackey said the boots are his best seller. The cowboy-style boots are made of a variety of skins including elephant, python and ostrich and sell for about \$100.

The coordinator of the show,

W.F. "Mac" McKenzie, said plans have been made to make the flea market a regular event starting in May.

"It's the biggest crowd I've had on a first show. I think that's wonderful," McKenzie said. "This is going to be a big thing for Bowling Green. Of its kind, it will be the biggest thing for a hundred miles around."

McKenzie, president of National Flea Markets and Craft Shows Inc., said the show drew over 34,000 people in three days. He said it is one of the biggest shows he has been involved with.

Although the flea market had booked 376 vendors, bad weather in other parts of the country kept many of them from attending.

But Denishia Martin, an antiques

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Windshield wiper,

Robert Pope - Herald

Louisville junior Tom Kimball uses the recent warm weather to clean the windows

and outside of his car Sunday in the Barnes-Campbell parking lot.



Cindy Pinkston - Herald

Looking at glassware during the flea market held this weekend at the WKU agricultural center, Mrs. Lucille Spinks picks out a glass vase.

Vendors fill exposition center

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dealer from Butler County, made it, and she said she is looking forward to more shows in Bowling Green.

"Of all the shows and markets we've been to, Bowling Green has the most receptive and the most courteous people," she said. "The turnout here has been phenomenal."

Martin, a 1978 graduate of Western's English department, said she started her antiques business because she "was a collector that over-collected." Martin said she quit her teaching job at Butler County High School last November to concentrate on antiques full time.

The business is competitive, she said. Finding antiques is harder than selling them.

"Looking for antiques is like hunting," she said. "The thrill is

the hunt, not the kill."

Martin's husband, Jerry, had a separate booth at the market where he and his business partner, Edwin Flener, debuted their carpet business.

"I enjoy being in business for myself," he said. "You always have a challenge if you're not lazy. It's like they say: 'If you keep on reaching for the stars, you won't wind up with a handful of mud.'"

Janice Copeland, a craft shop owner from Livingston, Tenn., said someone who works the flea market circuit has to enjoy traveling. Her country decor display was at 52 shows last year.

Copeland said she spends three to four hours to set up her display and travels up to 400 miles to attend a show.

"It's like having a vacation every weekend, and I can make some money, too."

Copeland's crafts include quilted pillows and wall hangings, decorative brooms and stuffed animals.

While the vendors were happy making money, the customers seemed equally happy to spend it.

"I've been having a big time I love it all," said Glenda Stanford of Franklin, who had bought a sweatshirt and two antique bowls. "I can't just look. I've got to buy something. It doesn't matter how small, I've just got to buy something."

Col. Robert Spiller, director of the Exposition Center, said the success of the show was "far beyond our expectations."

Spiller said the flea market will be a regular event twice a month starting in May. He said that schedule may include craft shows, also. The next Giant Flea Market is scheduled for May 17, 18 and 19.

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RISE aids disabled with horses

By JACK D. SMITH

Despite sleepy eyes and frigid temperatures, 40 volunteers completed a training session this past Saturday morning that will help handicapped persons build coordination and character.

Through the use of slides, pictures, and basic hands on experience, Riders In Special Equitation, or RISE, volunteers learn how to help the mentally and physically handicapped build and tone muscles, and instill confidence by working with horses.

Volunteers completed a detailed training session that taught them how to lead a horse and what to do in the case of an emergency, while young riders simulated the different types of handicaps a volunteer might have to deal with.

"Physically, riding is very good; it relaxes certain muscle groups," said Madeleine McGrath, director and one of the founders of the program. The program is open to all mentally or physically handicapped.

The program uses horses and volunteers to help special populations develop certain muscle groups that will be of benefit to the handicapped in everyday life, as well as teaching them to believe in themselves.

The program is located at Covenant Farm in Auburn, about 16 miles outside of Bowling Green. McGrath said that she expects a



Bowling Green High senior Diane Schnoes nuzzles up to a 3-year-old quarter horse named Sunday.

Alan Warren - Herald

large turnout of students for the first session which is expected to begin in mid-March.

McGrath said that she has always had an interest in horses and when multiple sclerosis attacked her mother, she saw a need to help those who may not be able to help themselves.

After completing a training session at the National Center for Therapeutic Riding in Washington, D.C., McGrath and her husband Dave started to find sponsors for the RISE program. At first, response was slow.

"There was a need to educate the public that the handicapped could be helped," she said.

As she began to talk to various civic organizations, the community response improved. Her father donated the use of his farm, Covenant Farm, and other groups helped by building a wheelchair ramp and

donating much-needed supplies. But the biggest response came in the way of volunteers — almost one third of them Western students.

"I did it because of the combination of working with the horses and the special population," said Ann Lowndes, a senior recreation major from Estill Springs, Tenn.

"I've worked with horses before," said Mary Lou Wilson, a senior pre-med student from Louisville. "I wanted to use what I know to help the handicapped."

"They may forget where the saddle goes, but it will build their character," she said.

McGrath believes it's important for individuals to experience the unique bond that can form between an animal and a human.

"There is a good relationship that exists between horses and humans, and I want a lot of people to experience it," she said.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Criticizes KKK story

After reading Bowling Green Magazine's Klan feature last December, I didn't think I could ever again be so intellectually sickened. I was right. But two days after the article appeared I saw "KKK" sprayed a yard high beneath the Christmas ornaments on a duplex in my neighborhood. I was physically ill.

Now I know what "beneath contempt" means. The people responsible for that article are clearly ignorant of taste, judgment, principle and responsibility. Decades of social progress have not touched them. Their brutal recklessness with language suggests that they know nothing of its power.

Rational contempt simply doesn't apply to these people. They are like apes with bombs.

Lewis Pickett,
senior

Defends game support

I will make no attempt to refute Mr. Olash's argument due to the fact that the issue shouldn't be why the Greeks attended. The issue is why you felt alienated because they did attend. I honestly think you have little right to scold anyone for appropriate behavior. Your argument is typical of the average independent who can judge Greeks with armchair accuracy, while having no clue as to what the Greek system represents.

Greeks have no decree stating their obligation to support any athletic function. The religious, professional and athletic groups have every right to wear shirts that represent their organizations, wave banners and paint their faces as a group to show their support.

What groups are you affiliated with, Mr. Olash and did you sit with them? Do you appear with this group at every game?

We should never judge those things we know nothing about even if they frustrate us due to our lack of knowledge. I sincerely hope that next fall at rush you will try to learn what Greek life is all about. Until then please refrain from taking blind shots at that which you lack understanding. I, and I think all other Greeks, would be proud to be outnumbered 10 to one by other campus organizations at the next game.

Timothy Allen Jackson,
Kappa Alpha Order

Recommends research

I would like to take issue with the article "Stressing Research Damages Students" that appeared on the opinion page of the Feb. 14 issue of the Herald. In that article a commentary by a political science faculty from Miami University stated that due to prestige-hungry professors and administrators a research climate is created in universities that actually hurts teaching.

This commentary perpetuates the impression held by some that teaching and research are two different, distinct functions with little overlap between them. Furthermore, it holds onto the principle that Teaching + Research = Constant, which means that what you put into research you take away from teaching — another fallacy. University teaching and university research both involve the same basic ingredient: students. Both are intimately connected with the student and I certainly do not espouse the ideas of the opinion writer that states "stressing research damages students."

The Department of Physics and Astronomy has endorsed the following as being one of its goals:

"Enhancement of research —

An appreciable amount of research is currently taking place in the department in various fields. However, emphasis will be placed in research activities that can strongly couple with our undergraduate students. In particular the field of lasers and modern optics will be given special attention. The aim is to form a research group in that area, to offer more advanced courses in lasers and modern optics and to strongly involve students in that research. The installation of the 24-inch telescope is also planned for research in optical astronomy and for student projects for our physics and astronomy majors."

This is one of our published goals, and research will continue to be emphasized in our department, openly and clearly as stated above. The 1984-85 departmental faculty had 54 publications in national refereed journals for the 1980-84 period.

Concerning teaching, I am not aware of anybody putting pressure on Western faculty to perform research instead of teaching or as stated in the commentary "diverting the energies of many top-flight teachers into activities in which they will never excel." At least in some departments that I am more familiar with at Western, the pressure is on many faculty to do more than teaching their classes, i.e. to excel in teaching. Again, this is not an empty word but in the case of our department it translates to specific goals for those that choose to do only teaching.

Western should continue emphasizing research and rewarding faculty for it. It should also continue emphasizing teaching and rewarding faculty for it. Both do have one common aim: quality in education.

George Vourvopoulos,
head, physics and astronomy



Housing can open doors

In 1978, students were allowed for the first time to close their dorm room doors when entertaining members of the opposite sex.

A decade later they still can.

That's progress — Western style.

Now housing officials have a chance to really show some progress.

A recent resolution by Associated Student Government proposes creating 24-hour open house next semester in Poland Hall.

Members of student government said that college students are mature enough to handle the freedom allowed by 24-hour open house.

But Western's dean for student affairs said the university has a responsibility to maintain privacy for some students.

He said the decision to have 24-hour open house should be made by students and if it's available in one dorm, it should be available in all dorms.

He's right.

At the University of Louisville, students vote on their open house policy.

All the dorms are coed, and men and women residents vote separately. All of the men's and most of the women's floors have 24-hour open house.

And the housing director at U of L said 24-hour open house is working.

"Students are adults; we like to treat them like adults," she said.

"More problems arise when you treat adults like children than vice versa."

At the University of Kentucky, the coed halls have 24-hour open house on the weekends, but only students inside the hall have 24-hour visiting privileges.

The coed dorms at the University of Kentucky are the most popular, the dean of student affairs said.

"We are happy with our coed halls," she said.

If Western's housing officials start treating students like adults, they may discover that the students are more willing to stay in dorms.

It's time they started catching up. This isn't 1978.

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The stories making headlines at campuses across the state.

Murray State

Faculty and staff members whose performance is rated as satisfactory will receive a 2.25 percent pay raise through the approval of a new salary schedule by the Board of Regents. Those with higher performance rates will get an additional 0.75 percent raise.

The board established Regents Awards to recognize teaching excellence. One teacher in each of the six colleges will be selected each year to receive \$1,000, to be awarded in May.

The regents also established a committee on intercollegiate athletics to review sports policies such as its intercollegiate athletic pro-

gram. Murray's divisional membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the amount and source of sports funding.

To help correct stereotypes of the Middle East, 18 members of Murray State and the community have been selected as a part of a U.S.-Arab relations committee.

During the spring, two programs will be held on Middle East culture and the political systems in different countries. Members of the Middle East Speakers Bureau will conduct the sessions.

The programs are being sponsored by the Center for International Programs and the U.S. Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations.

University of Kentucky

Over the next three years, UK will have \$400,000 to spend on campus safety. This year, \$100,000 will be spent installing lights and gates around campus.

A faculty committee and a Special Task Force on Campus Safety each released a report on campus safety. The groups were started in response to the murder of graduate student Linjung Chen in the chemistry and physics building last year.

A fund set aside for repairs will pay for the first year, but it hasn't been decided where UK will get the money for the next two years.

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Student resists campus police

A Louisville sophomore is scheduled to appear in court today on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Campus police said Daniel Charles MacVeigh, of 1262 College St., was arrested yesterday after he struck officers who were trying to find out why he refused to leave the Garrett Cafeteria after it had closed.

After MacVeigh showed officers Jerry Burchett and Jerry Alford his student ID card, he became uncooperative and refused to answer questions, the police report said.

MacVeigh then apparently pushed Burchett and tried to leave the area. The officers detained MacVeigh forcibly and called Officer Jim Shaeffer to assist them. None of the three officers required hospitalization for their injuries.

FOR THE RECORD

"For the record" contains reports from public safety.

Court Actions

James A. Bell, 141 W. 14th St., pleaded guilty Jan. 25 to two counts of second degree forgery, two counts of possession of a forged instrument and two counts of knowingly receiving stolen property under \$100. He was placed on pre-trial diversion for 24 months, ordered to make restitution of \$178.26, pay court costs and \$10 to a fund for crime victims.

George Marshall Hale, Gamaliel, pleaded guilty Dec. 25, 1984, to second degree assault in his arrest Nov. 5, 1984. He was placed on pre-trial diversion for 24 months, ordered to pay medical expenses of \$231.56, court costs and \$10 to a fund for crime victims.

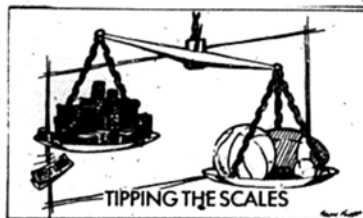
CORRECTION

Because of a reporter's error, a story in Thursday's Herald quoted Carol Ayers as saying that the health services department is getting a new computer system. Ayers was speaking of a home computer.

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ations since 1982 is that funding for intercollegiate athletics is an institutional decision, as are all student activities," the report says. "There is no line item in the budget for these expenditures and no calculation in the formula which generates a 'need' for intercollegiate athletics."

Norm Snider, the council's communications director, said the council doesn't give money to universities specifically for athletics.

"Under our formula funding program, (there are) about 18 or 19 categories we suggest they spend the money on," Snider said. "Athletics is not one of them."

"They (the universities) get the money in a lump sum, and what they do with it is up to them," he said. "All we can do is suggest how they spend it."

Snider said the council believes that athletics should be self-supporting.

Others, from administrators to students, have also voiced concern recently. And football spending has evoked the most concern.

In a report written last fall by President Donald Zacharias concerning intercollegiate athletics, he included a chart showing the budget and expenditures for athletics at Western for the past six years.

In the report, Zacharias said he would rather spend his time "building sound academic programs and establishing major scholarships to help attract and retain students with the potential to improve their own lives and the lives of others."

However, he added that athletics are necessary and play an important part in the university — especially in how the school is

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football scholarships. Lee said that if Western played in Division III, the school would get more "hometown heroes, and the people who saw Johnny play in high school will come to see him play in college."

"People will come to see a good competitive football team no matter what division it is," Lee pointed out several times during the senate meeting that the report was not under any circumstances "anti-athletics."

According to the report, Western has the largest athletic deficit in the state. Western overspent last year.

Lee said the report dealt with athletics in general, but football, as the greatest contributor to the deficit, got most of the focus because it spent the most.

"One of the things we had to consider was the cost and the revenue," Lee said. "Although I think football is OK, the largest part of the athletic deficit is caused by football," Lee said. "And the sun that rises in Kentucky is orange, which is the same color of the basketball."

seen by people outside of the university.

"The decision was made many years ago for Western to be in Division I in men's basketball," Zacharias wrote. "As a result, under NCAA rules, we must field scholarship-supported teams in seven other sports. Since six of these teams do not produce revenue, this adds to the total cost of the program."

However, at the recent NCAA convention in Nashville, Zacharias and others who had pushed for a reduction in the number of men's sports a university must sponsor from eight to six banded together to approve the measure. The number of women's sports remains at six. The measure becomes effective in September 1986.

Athletic Director John Oldham said he "wasn't looking forward" to cutting any sports. But he said the reduced requirements give schools the option of phasing out non-revenue sports.

Neither Oldham or Zacharias will speculate on which sports, if any, would be eliminated.

As a member of the Sun Belt Conference, Western is now required to sponsor eight men's sports. Six — basketball, cross country, tennis, golf, soccer and baseball — must be in Division I.

Western has 10 men's sports — all Division I — which means four could be dropped to Division II or III — football, swimming, indoor track and outdoor track. Two could be eliminated altogether.

One of the seven women's sports could be dropped to a lower level.

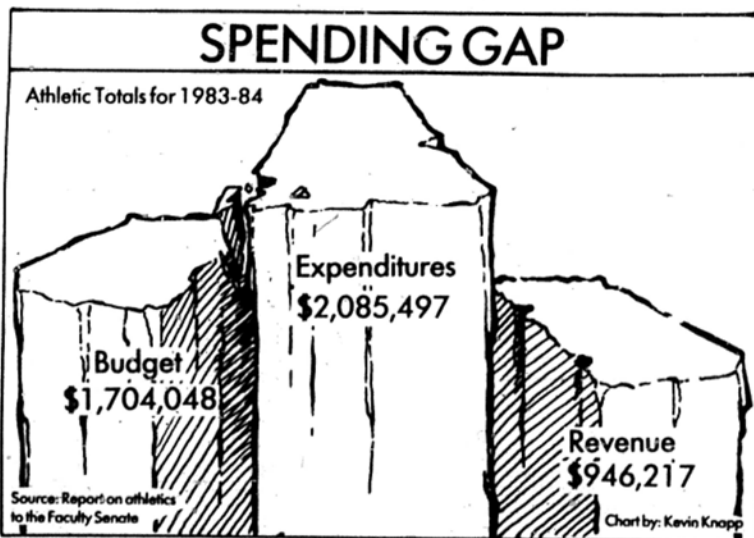
The Sun Belt doesn't require the university to sponsor any women's sports, but that rule may be changed this summer when the conference will decide which sports must be included in the program. The university provides support for women's basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis, cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

Western's most successful sports in recent years — swimming and cross country — are not among the big spenders.

Swimming had a budget of \$43,812 last year while winning the Mid-West Championship for the fifth straight year. The men's track program, including indoor and outdoor track and cross country, received \$56,955. The men's cross country team won the Sun Belt title for the third time last fall.

At the same time, football had a budget of \$738,000.

Zacharias' letter said football spending has increased considerably because the Board of Regents voted in January 1983 to



Dr. Charles Crume, assistant professor of education and recreation, protested the senate action.

"After all the calculations, we still haven't come down to a hard cash figure," he said.

Crume said in some cases, the football program was not responsible for the overspending.

For example, Crume used the football program's policy on housing and tuition. Both

Budget breakdown

1984-85 athletic budget

Football	\$738,345
Basketball-men	\$326,873
Basketball-women	\$212,888
Athletic Director	\$176,933
Athletic Trainer	\$125,449
Baseball	\$94,790
Track & Field-men	\$56,955
Track & Field-women	\$48,586
Swimming	\$43,812
Golf-women	\$22,066
Golf-men	\$20,640
Tennis-women	\$19,473
Tennis-men	\$18,377
Soccer	\$13,230
Volleyball	\$10,542
Rifle Team	\$6,100
Women's Coordinator	\$3,138
Men's Coordinator	\$1,807

Total athletic budget \$1,940,004

Source: Report on Athletics of Western by President Zacharias. Chart by: Steve Thomas

relieve assistant coaches of their part-time teaching duties. This added the cost of the coaches' salaries to the football budget instead of splitting it between the athletic department and the physical education and recreation department.

Last week Zacharias said he would like to see a time when all sports are self-supporting. "This is an item we put before the athletic department and ask them what they recommend we do with it."

Zacharias said football could be self-supporting "if they have enough fans and season ticket sales." But he added, "I don't foresee a time when it is likely to be achieved in the next three or four years."

Zacharias said he does expect Division I schools to ask the NCAA to regulate TV revenues again. "I would predict that 15 to 20 schools will eventually get all the TV revenue," he said getting TV revenue back would also help relieve the problem.

He also said that additional endowment scholarships, athletic scholarships that are funded outside the university, would also take expenses away.

Nonrevenue sports don't exist, study says

By STEVE THOMAS

Western's swimming program could be dropped as a result of recent NCAA changes because it isn't required by the Sun Belt Conference — and it doesn't make money.

Critics say that athletic programs must pay for themselves and that nonrevenue-producing sports should be the first to go.

"Nonrevenue sports just simply don't exist," a study completed recently by swimming coach Bill Powell concludes.

He said that swimming not only pays its way at Western, but also produces about \$215,000 for the university.

"In the 1983-84 school year there were at least 46 youngsters on Western's campus who were here because they were recruited by the Western Kentucky swimming program and for no other reason," Powell's report states.

Of those 46, 26 are from out of state, Powell said. Eighteen of the 26 are not receiving swimming scholarships, he said.

"These 18 out-of-staters, according to WKU figures are paying \$5,030 (tuition, room, books and food only) each or a total of \$90,540," the report said.

And of the 20 Kentuckians, 14 are receiving no aid. Thus, those 14 contribute \$3,370 each to Western's economy, a total of \$47,180.

Powell said that among the out-of-staters, seven are receiving scholarships equal to the cost of in-state tuition and are paying the difference themselves. "Thus, these seven are paying a total of \$11,620 in tuition to Western."

The report concludes that the swimmers have paid a total of \$149,340 to Western in

tuition alone.

It adds that only seven swimmers receive book scholarships and that 39 pay for their own books. Since Western estimates that the average student spends \$250 per year, Powell said that the 39 swimmers spend \$9,750 each year for books.

Three swimmers receive food scholarships, the report says, while the other 43 are paying for their meals at \$1,500 each for a total of \$64,500. Most of that money is spent on campus, Powell said.

Forty-three swimmers also pay for dorm rooms at \$720 each, Powell said, for a total of \$30,960.

"Thus considering only tuition, books, boarding and food," the report says, "the WKU swim team poured a total of \$225,270 into the WKU economy."

Powell adds that the swim team budget for these four items is \$23,200. Therefore, an income of \$202,070 is produced.

"The total swim team budget which includes coaches salaries, retirement, insurance, as well as team travel, supplies, printing, etc., is just \$40,193," according to the report. "Thus the swim team has provided a total of \$215,077 in revenue to WKU in 1983-84."

"These facts don't even begin to scratch the surface," Powell said last week. "There are so many variables."

The report said that revenue produced because of "brothers, sisters and girlfriends who have come only because of the swimmers" is not even considered.

"These facts are just for the swim team," Powell said. "When you carry this over to all the other sports on campus, you begin to see what the sports program does for Western."



Western's swim coach Bill Powell celebrates with team members during a recent swim meet in Diddle Arena.

Robert Pope - Herald

Regents back I-AA, for now

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drop football to Division III to save money.

But Miller said that it was a mistake for Western to go into Division I-AA in 1977.

"I think it would be to our advantage to drop down in division," she said. Miller said the money being spent on football is "embarrassing." She is especially upset with athletic food spending, which overspent its \$117,000 budget allocation by \$100,000.

Student Regent Jack Smith agreed with Miller that Western wasn't committed to Division I-AA indefinitely.

Smith said he would "like to see Western have a winning football team, and I don't think it would be a disgrace if we did lower a division."

"There are schools that have lowered divisions, and they're increasing their win-loss record. And fans started coming back to games, and students started getting back into it," Smith said.

Smith said his support for a move is "in no way a reflection of Coach Roberts or the football team. It's just economics. I don't think we have the money to finance football" at Division I-AA.

Joe Iracane, chairman of the board, also said the board made the commitment to Division I-AA when they hired Roberts.

"We evaluated where we were at that particular time and weighed the pros and cons related to that decision," Iracane said.

Ronnie Clark, chairman of the athletics committee, said he is devoted to Division I-AA, especially since the board approved Roberts' contract.

"I'm not in favor of dismantling the football program," he said. "I still am committed to I-AA, and that is still the board's position — until some of the members change their mind."

Clark said he has no problems with the

Faculty Senate report and understands "why they feel that way, because everyone has had to cut back."

"I think it reflects frustration on their part," Clark said.

Patsy Judd, chairman of the academics committee, said the support of Division I-AA from the regents may be temporary.

"The way the economy is right now, I personally wouldn't say anything is set in stone," she said.

She said she understands the regents are committed by contract to I-AA, but "at the end of that period, I guess the regents will re-evaluate."

"What I would really like to do is stay there (Division I-AA), but our concern is money," Judd said. She sees no conflict in funding for academics and athletics.

"I kind of see a university as having a well-rounded offering, and I would hate to see Western without athletics," Judd said.

Zacharias said that last week's comment that the regents are committed to staying in Division I-AA was based on the "verbal commitment" the regents made when Roberts signed his contract.

"If they (the board members) change their commitment, then I'll do what I can to go along with them," he said.

Zacharias said he is now personally committed to Division I-AA. But after Roberts' contract expires, "we will have to study our program," he said.

"But to even discuss it (changing the program) now is getting close to destroying the one we have," he said.

Iracane said he couldn't make predictions about the future of Western's football program and wouldn't comment on how he felt personally about the program.

"We are where we are right now — in Division I."

Educational mission aided by athletics

By STEVE THOMAS

Intercollegiate athletics at Western makes a positive contribution to the university and "it is an integral part in helping us achieve our educational mission," according to a report prepared recently by Dr. John Minton.

Minton, vice president for student affairs and chairman of the university athletic committee, said last week that his report outlines the "benefits associated with intercollegiate athletics at Western."

Minton said he was asked by President Donald Zacharias to prepare the report. Zacharias made a similar report last fall dealing with the athletic budget and presented it to the Board of Regents Jan. 28.

Although Minton's report defends the existence of athletics, he said, "I'm not aware of any suggestion to do away with athletics. The cost and financing of athletics is a major concern at all educational institutions."

Minton said that in preparing the report he didn't find any schools that had dropped athletics entirely.

Minton said that although Western's athletic budget approaches \$2 million it is small compared to rest of the school's budget. Athletics constitutes only 2.9 percent of Western's budget, according to the president's report.

"The percentage of the total budget compared to the total (athletic) budget shows that you're getting a 'pretty good return,'" Minton said.

In his report, Minton said that of the 269 student-athletes listed on all 1984-85 rosters at Western, 51 are majoring in programs in

the College of Education, 52 in the College of Business Administration, 40 in Ogden College and 38 in Potter College.

"These figures reveal a relatively even distribution of majors among the colleges substantiating the fact that athletics at Western provide broad-base support to the total educational mission of the university," Minton said in the article.

He added that there are 133 recruited walk-on student-athletes on campus who do not receive any aid. "The average cost between in-state and out-of-state is \$4,311."

"Thus, you can see that these 133 walk-ons generate some \$500,000 to the university. In addition to the walk-ons, there are athletes that receive partial grants that are supplemented by their own funds."

...there is much good coming from intercollegiate athletics...

—Dr. John Minton

Minton said that while a small percentage of college athletes go to successful careers as professional athletes, most enter business and professional careers for which their educational experience, including participation in athletics, prepared them.

The article says that another benefit of athletics is that it serves "as a common focal point for students."

Some of the events cited were coaching clinics, the High School Girl's State Tournament which will be played in Diddle Arena this year, the 14th District and Fourth Regional high school tournaments played in Diddle each year; complimentary tickets worth more than \$117,000 given during 1983-84 to students participating in events such as College Awareness Days, science fairs, and other special events related to student recruitment.

Also listed were Homecoming festivities and sports-related functions such as the marching band, cheerleaders, student athletic trainers, mascots and student sports

information interns, sports writers and photographers, radio announcers and TV production personnel.

Minton said the significance given to athletics at Western is demonstrated by the amount of space given it in the College Heights Herald and the Talisman. He said about 25 percent of the Herald is devoted to sports while in 1982, 69 of 399 pages in the Talisman involved sports.

The article also says that athletics at Western helps prepare students in sports-related enterprises such as newspapers, photography, sports information work and athletic training. The article lists a number of individuals now working in those fields.

Minton added that the university receives considerable benefits "from athletics resulting from favorable public exposure and student recognition."

Exposure for Western included the Sun Belt Network, ESPN, CBS, Western's Radio Network, Western's Television Sports Network, attendance at athletic events, newspaper coverage, mascot recognition and student-athlete achievements.

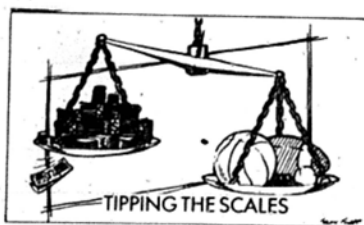
Minton said benefits also result because of involvement of the community, the Hill-topper Hundred Club and alumni.

"It is obvious that Western Kentucky University athletics are experiencing a variety of concerns and challenges at this time," Minton's report concluded.

"It is obvious that there is much good coming from intercollegiate athletics at Western Kentucky University. Athletics and sports are an integral part of this university and of our society."

Minton said his article did not try to deal with or defend whether Western should consider dropping to a lower division. "The division question is that of football," Minton said. "For me to write concerning that wouldn't have been appropriate at this time."

"The board has committed itself to keeping the football program at Division I-AA," Minton said.



New court rule leaves smaller schools off air

By STEVE GIVAN

If Western hopes to make its football program self-sufficient, it shouldn't count on doing it with television revenue.

The days when ABC would roll a production truck into the Diddle Arena parking lot and broadcast an Ohio Valley Conference showdown are gone. Those days usually meant a \$70,000 to \$75,000 paycheck for Western by just giving ABC the right to broadcast a game.

Those days are over, and the credit belongs to the Supreme Court, not the Board of Regents, who supported getting out of the Ohio Valley Conference and in the basketball-oriented Sun Belt.

In a decision it handed down June 27, the Supreme Court said the National Collegiate Athletic Association was violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, which prevents monopolies. This meant the NCAA could no longer regulate the broadcast of games.

The deregulation has allowed individual conferences and schools to make their own deals with national networks and cable companies.

That decision has meant less TV revenue

for all but a few of the largest schools.

For division I-AA schools like Western and Eastern, it means they might as well punt.

If schools had remained under the NCAA plan developed in 1982, they would have collected \$73.6 million in TV revenue last season. With deregulation, the schools made \$47 million to \$50 million, depending on the source.

The reason for change is quite simple. Greed.

Until last season, the NCAA ruled the telecasts with an iron fist. It decided how many times a team could get on the air, what time the game would be played and how much the participating schools would make.

That's why the universities of Oklahoma and Georgia concurrently sued the NCAA in September 1981. They felt they could make more TV revenue on their own.

The two schools, along with several other big-time football programs, were making from \$700,000 to \$1 million a year from TV.

Then things began to happen.

In 1981, Oklahoma called for bids on its radio broadcast rights. For five years a local radio station had been paying \$80,000 a year to broadcast the games. But after the bids were taken, Oklahoma wound up getting more than \$500,000 a year.

With radio revenue firmly under its shoulder pads, Oklahoma went after TV rights. The school sued the NCAA, and after two appeals by the NCAA, the final one with the Supreme Court, Oklahoma won.

Georgia, Oklahoma and 51 of the biggest football schools are now governed by the College Football Association, which concerns itself solely with the needs of its member schools.

But the plan seems to have backfired.

They made less money dealing with the networks directly, even though 55 percent more games were televised last fall. The ratings for the games were the lowest since the NCAA started keeping records in 1968.

But they haven't been hurt nearly as much as schools like Western and Eastern.

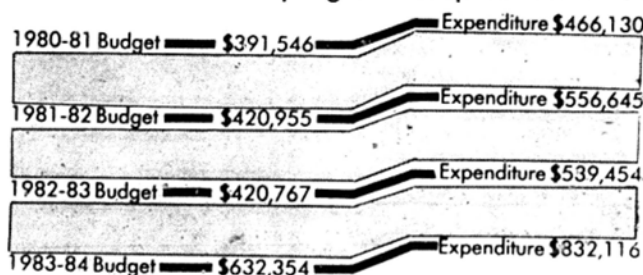
Neither received any TV revenue last season.

ATHLETICS AND SPENDING

Budget out of bounds



How much the football program has spent since 1980



Source: Report on Spending for Intercollegiate Athletics to the Western Faculty Senate, February, 1985.

Chart by Steve Thomas

The way it stands now, the Toppers' only chance of getting any money from television would be if the ruling is changed or they advance far into the I-AA playoffs.

Before the Supreme Court ruling, the networks were required to show at least 19 games over a two-year period outside I-A. That usually meant seven or eight games per season for I-AA, with the others coming from Divisions II and III.

The networks now take their pick of the best major college games and don't plan to televise any more Division I-AA games.

"Those days are gone, because those games were just done to satisfy the NCAA," Donn Bernstein, ABC's Director of College Sports, admitted last week from New York.

The Western-Eastern games, and others broadcast outside of I-A, were "a token commitment to satisfy the I-AAs, Division II and III," Bernstein said.

The reason networks don't want to televise games except those played in Division I-A is economic.

Because of the number of games being televised, the amount advertisers have to

spend is diluted. It's not feasible to produce I-AA games when I-A games cost about the same to air and yield considerably more revenue.

Division I-AA schools in conferences may get on TV, if they can sell a series of conference games to an independent television producer.

Western, which is the only school in the Sun Belt to sponsor football, can't even do that.

Middle Tennessee, which had its best football team in ages, went to the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs and had games against Indiana State and Louisiana Tech televised regionally by a cable company.

But according to Athletic Director Jimmy Earle, the Blue Raiders made less than \$10,000 for both games.

"We're talking exposure," he said. "That's about all we got. The days of plenty are gone."

Western made two appearances on WBKO-TV last fall, but Athletic Director John Oldham said that Channel 13 carried the games free. All Western received was "exposure and the experience that some of our television students got."

Dayton team shows division drop can work

Football squad finds success in Division III

By BRENT WOODS

By most standards, a sports program that had to drop out of the "big time" into a lower division would be considered a colossal failure.

Playing in Division III, which is characterized by high school-like talent playing in front of sparsely-filled metal bleachers, would be a fate considerably worse than death.

Fans, former players and alumni would lose respect for the program.

Maybe. But harsh economic realities have forced some teams to face the inevitable — to take the plunge.

Such a situation was faced at the University of Dayton in 1977.

The Flyers, then a Division I football team, dropped to Division III because it was an "economic necessity," said Associate Athletic Director Gene Schill.

"We simply couldn't cover the scholarship costs with the revenue we were generating," Schill said. "The word came down that we had to balance the athletic budget. We had no choice."

"You can't spend what you don't have."

Dayton suffered through years of mediocrity in the '60s and '70s in Division I. Winning seasons were few and far between, and most campaigns ended with only two or three notches in the win column.

But since the move to Division III, three

things have gone up at Dayton — wins, attendance and money in the universities' coffers.

In the Flyers' eight years in Division III, they have been to the national playoffs four times — claiming the championship in 1980 and runner-up in 1981.

Dayton's worst season in Division III was a 6-4 effort in 1982.

"I guess what I like best about the whole idea is that we have a good chance to win every time we step out on the field," said Mike Kelly, Dayton's head coach.

Kelly took over in 1977 when the transition was made, and said the quality of football being played at Dayton, contrary to the popular notion about Division III, is good. The only difference, he said, is that it's being played by athletes two inches shorter and 20 pounds lighter than in Division I.

"Division III has a reputation of a bunch of little scrawny kids running around fumbling the ball back and forth," he said. "But we, and the teams we play, play good football."

There are no athletic scholarships awarded at the Division III level, so the players that go to most Division III schools go through the "trickle down" effect, Kelly said.

"The Big 10 schools get the biggest, fastest and strongest kids," he said. "Then the Mid-American Conference gets the players a notch down, and schools like us get those who didn't get major college offers."

Division I-A teams can award 95 full scholarships, Division I-AA can award a maximum of 70 and Division II can offer 45.

But the players at Dayton and other Division III schools are only eligible to qualify for the same financial assistance as any other student, Kelly said.

Recruiting at Dayton, which is a private school, has other barriers.

The admission standards are tough, and

Kelly said he doesn't even recruit players with grade-point averages of less than 2.5.

"At this level you really have student-athletes," Kelly said. "These kids know they have to cut it in the classroom as well as on the field."

And cut it, they have.

Dayton had three first-team Academic All-Americans last year, and none of the 68 non-freshmen on last year's squad were on academic probation at any point during the school year.

Dayton students are put on probation the first semester their GPA falls below 2.0.



"...there are still a lot of pretenders in Division I and I-AA."

—Gene Schill

Sparsely-filled bleachers aren't a problem at Dayton, either.

They have led the country in Division III attendance every year, packing nearly 10,000 fans into their stadium for every home game.

That's a figure most Division II teams and even some Division I-AA teams would envy.

"The fan interest and support has been fantastic," Schill said. "They come out and yell for the team, and that goes for alumni and former players, too."

Schill said when the move was made in 1977, there were some alumni and fans that were apprehensive.

But wins — at any level — get people in the stands.

"They have rallied behind us because of our success," Schill said. "It's easy to understand. Everyone loves a winner."

And the 10,000 Flyer fans who show up at

the stadium every Saturday are no less enthusiastic just because their win won't be reported on the Prudential College Scoreboard.

"Our fans are still rowdy; they still boo bad calls, and they still have wild tailgate parties in the lot before the game," Kelly said.

When the higher-ups at a university give the "balance the budget" ultimatum to the athletic department, and basketball is the No. 1 priority, there are only two real choices: drop football to a lower division or drop football altogether.

Schill said Dayton's football program was losing \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year in the two years prior to the drop, and the choice between dropping divisions or dropping football was an easy decision.

"It's really bad for football when any university drops it," Schill said. "Every school that has dropped football, like Marquette or Loyola, wishes they had it back."

"But after you drop it completely, it's really hard to get a program back together."

Dayton's only expenses in football are paying for four full-time coaches, equipment, travel and upkeep of the stadium.

"Our program is self-sufficient," Schill said. "We don't call our coaches physical education teachers — they are full-time coaches and are paid accordingly for that."

Schill and Kelly agreed that for Dayton, the move has paid off. The program is in the black, and Dayton's football team is flying high.

And its men's basketball team? It remained in Division I and was one of the final eight teams in the NCAA last season.

"I can't say that dropping to Division III is the answer for every program that is losing money, and there are a lot of them," Schill said. "But there are still a lot of pretenders in Division I and I-AA."

SPORTS

Hilltoppers tied for 4th in Sun Belt

By BRENT WOODS

Last week when Coach Clem Haskins said, "we're preparing to make a big push down the stretch in the conference race," one could have easily thought he was just trying to appease the mumbling masses.

But apparently he wasn't kidding.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After winning their first two Sun Belt games of the season, then losing six of their next seven, the Toppers took advantage of the season's final homestand by dealing sweet revenge on South Florida Thursday night and South Alabama Saturday night.

The wins pulled Western, 5-7 in the conference and 14-11 overall, into a four-way tie for fourth place in the conference race.

South Florida, South Alabama and Jacksonville are also 5-7.

"Clem Haskins, head coach at Western Kentucky University, wins two close games in a row?" Haskins joked in the press room after his team beat South Alabama. "Is that possible?"

Haskins was aiming his good-natured sarcasm at members of the press, who have hinted on several occasions in the last two years that Haskins' Toppers choke in the close ones.

But the fifth-year coach gave credit to his team for the wins — reprieves from the blistering heat of the Sun Belt, which has burnt Western three years in a row.

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Hilltopper Clarence Martin deflects the shot of University of South Alabama's Terry Catledge Saturday night in Diddle Arena. The Toppers won 64-61.

Alan Warren - Herald



No. 11 Tops to face test at Tennessee

By DOUG GOTT

In their 21 wins, only nine opponents have been able to stay within 20 points of the 11th-ranked Lady Toppers.

But Western, 21-3, should get a real test tomorrow at Knoxville against 20th-ranked Tennessee. The Lady Vols are 16-9 against first-rate competition.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The meeting will give Coach Paul Sanderford's team a chance to avenge one of its three losses, a 70-62 loss to the Vols in the finals of the Bowling Green Bank Invitational in November.

After sweeping their two-game Florida trip with wins over Stetson, 104-70, and South Florida, 92-70, the Lady Toppers will have to put it in high gear against the Lady Vols.

Tennessee will field a different team from the one that played here. Lisa Webb, the most valuable player in the BGIT, went down a month ago with a knee injury. She was the second leading scorer, averaging 11.6 points a game and 5.7 rebounds.

And last week, forward Valerie Freeman, who made the all-tournament team with Webb, suffered a knee injury that will require surgery. At the time she was the second leading scorer on the team at 11.6 points a game.

Freeman had been Tennessee's hottest player, tossing in 26 points against Florida State last week and 20 against Kentucky.

Coach Pat Head Summitt is left with only nine scholarship players.

"It's (the injuries) a costly thing," she said. "Losing Freeman takes a lot of athletic ability and outside shooting out of our lineup. It hurts us on both ends of the floor."

Despite the injuries, Summitt is looking for a good game between her club and Western.

And Sanderford expects a tough game also, despite Tennessee's injury situation.

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Knight, Murrie make right decisions

Since the beginning of sports, coaches have wondered how to motivate their players.

The question remains.

Bobby Knight, coach of Indiana's basketball team, recently kicked off one of his starting forwards, Mike Giomi, because Giomi skipped three classes.

Giomi was leading the team in rebounds, but that didn't make a difference in Knight's decision.

Also, in an important Big 10 conference game against Illinois, Knight benched his entire starting squad, with the exception of Uwe Blab. Those benched included Olympian Steve Alford.

Apparently, Knight didn't think his starters had been giving it their all on the court. He said he wanted his starters to appreciate the players on the bench.

Needless to say, the Hoosiers lost the game, and people in Bloom-

SPORTS VIEW

By Steve Thomas

ington were as down on Knight as some folks in the Bluegrass have always been with Joe B.

Whether Knight's ploy worked is yet to be seen.

On a smaller scale, the same situation occurred at Western recently. Baseball coach Joel Murrie kicked off one of his top prospects, Darrell Hughes, because he repeatedly missed or was late for practice.

"He broke training rules," Murrie said. "We have rules and a rule was broken."

Hughes, who was drafted by the New York Yankees last June, led the team in almost all offensive categories last fall and was one of the reasons Western was ranked in

the top 20 in recruiting.

However, that didn't make a difference in Murrie's decision.

Murrie did what he thought was right. This writer, for one, isn't going to disagree with him.

There comes a point when a coach has to do things that may put him in hot water with fans. There also comes a point when winning isn't everything.

I'm sure someone will remember Murrie's decision this season during a losing game and say, "If only we had Hughes."

Regardless, Murrie made the right decision and so did Knight. One player can not place himself on a pedestal above the rest of the team. It takes the unit to win.

Congratulations, Coach Murrie, for not sacrificing your principles — even though Hughes might have pushed Western over the edge in

some close games.

The Spoiled-sport Award of the week goes to Charlie Bradley of South Florida. In Thursday's game in Diddle, superstar Bradley, and I use the term cynically, was pompous on the court and afterward in the press room. He's a prime example that a team isn't made by one player.

The "Please-open-up-your-mind" Award goes to those who took last week's sports view headlined "Reporters find entertainment at boring game" for more than it was intended. It was a simple satire saying that no matter what your job is, it has its lighter moments. My suggestion to those who were offended or thought it was a waste of space is, to steal a quote from John Riggins, "Loosen up, Sandy baby."

TOPS' SHOTS

Statistics Shaping Western's Sports

Winning Big

Lady Topper Victory Margins



Four-way tie confuses race

By STEVE GIVAN

With Western pulling out two of their most impressive Sun Belt wins ever last week, the league race is in a state of confusion with four teams in a tie for fourth place.

Western, South Florida, South Alabama and Jacksonville all have 5-7 conference records.

Virginia Commonwealth is the driver's seat now with a 10-2 record, and the Rams face Western

SUN BELT

Thursday in Norfolk, Va.

Second place Alabama-Birmingham, 9-2, resumes conference play tonight at home against South Florida.

Old Dominion is in third place with a 9-4 record. Their only remaining conference game is with Virginia Commonwealth.

If there are still teams tied when the Sun Belt Tournament starts

March 1, the seeding will be decided on the basis of head to head competition, not by a coin flip which was the old method.

If the season ended right now, South Florida would be fourth, Western fifth, South Alabama sixth and Jacksonville seventh. That means Western would play South Florida in the first round of the SBC tourney, just like they did last year. That game would be Friday, March 1 at 3 p.m.

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Tennessee to provide test for Tops

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"They're a better basketball team than when they played us earlier," he said. "They've got such good depth at all positions."

Sanderford said his team will have "to rebound and play very well to beat a good team like Tennessee in Knoxville."

The top player for the Lady Vols is forward Shelia Collins. She averages 16.4 points and 8.3 rebounds a contest. Her 83 steals leads the Southeastern Conference.

The other forward will be 6-2 freshman Kathy Spikes, who averages 2.4 points. The center is another freshman, Karla Horton, who has numbers of 7.6 and 6.8 in scoring and rebounding, respectively.

Starting guards will be Dawn

Marsh, a freshman who averages four assists a game, and sophomore Shelley Sexton, who scored a career-high 19 against Western earlier this year.

The Lady Tops posted their third straight 20-win season and their fourth 100-point game in a 104-70 win over Stetson Thursday.

Annette Jones made nine of 10 field goals en route to a career-high 20 points. But the high scorer in the game was Kami Thomas, who scored a season-high 25.

And Thomas netted 20 and dished out 10 assists in a 92-70 win over South Florida Saturday night.

Sharon Ottens led the team in rebounding with nine, and added 14 points on seven for seven shooting.

Clemette Haskins has added another assist record to the books. With five in the Stetson game, and

10 against South Florida, she pushed her total to 143, breaking her own record of 129 set last season.

But the catalyst for Western lately has been the hot shooting Thomas. She has now surpassed Lillie Mason as the team's leading scorer at 14.3 points a game.

Her 25 points against Stetson was a Lady Topper high this season.

"Everything I threw up was going in, so I kept shooting," Thomas said.

Sanderford was not pleased with his team's overall performance in Florida, but was impressed with Thomas.

"Kami can beat you so many ways," he said. "She has a habit of being in the right place at the right time. She's our most consistent player and she's scrappy."



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Hilltoppers tied for 4th in Sun Belt

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"We feel like we are finally on our way," Haskins said. "Like we're getting ready to jell."

The Toppers, much to the delight of the 8,000 fans in Diddle Arena, steamed out to a 21-12 lead over South Alabama midway through the first half on Tellis Frank's scoring and Clarence Martin's intimidation.

Billy Gordon, who earned a starting spot over Mike Ballenger because of his sterling second-half performance against South Florida, and Dennis Johnson, who was playing his last home game, teamed up for 12 first-half points.

But the Jaguars, led by All-American Terry Catledge, came roaring back to tie the game at 22 with 8:08 left in the half.

Western moved back out to a seven point lead, but the score was trimmed to a 32-28 halftime lead.

Frank, who scored a team-high 17 points, and was characterized by many as a player possessed, paced the Tops with 12 in the opening stanza.

"I just wanted to go out and do what the team needs me to do," Frank said. "I'm feeling a lot more confident in my jumpshot, and that has helped me in the last two games."

Western gave up the lead for the first time 45-44, with 10:23 left on a Catledge lay-up.

But the Toppers regained the lead and held a narrow advantage. With 28 seconds left and Western ahead 62-61, Martin stepped to the line for a one and a bonus.

The Hilltopper faithful cringed as his shot hit the side of the rim and bounced into the waiting arms of Dexter Shouse, who ran the ball downcourt and called a time out with 15 seconds remaining.

And Shouse took the do or



Robert Pope - Herald

Western's Billy Gordon attempts to steal the ball from South Florida's Charles Bradley last Thursday.

die jumper with seven seconds left. But unlike so many others taken against Western in the last two years, the shot bounced high off the rim and Gordon grabbed the most important of his seven rebounds.

"How can you complain," Coach Mike Hanks said, "when you have an 18 footer, basically uncontested, for a chance to win the game."

"It wasn't a bad shot," he said. "If it would have fallen, he would have been a hero."

Hanks said his team committed too many turnovers and missed too many freethrows.

The Jaguars made 20 misses — one more than Western — and hit 63 percent from the line.

Catledge took game honors, scoring his average of 24 points. No other Jaguar got into double figures.

Dennis Johnson and Martin chipped in 10 each to go with Frank's 17.

Western's win over South Florida

two nights before was of a different variety. They came from behind.

"A win like this gives the players great confidence," Haskins said. "Finally, all their hard work is paying off and shots are going in for us."

The Toppers trailed 33-26 at half-time, and with 5:49 left, were behind by 10, 57-47.

But in that last 5:49, Western, led by the hot shooting of Gordon, outscored the Bulls 20-4 to capture the 67-61 win.

Frank paced Western again with 18, Gordon scored 12, and Kannard Johnson scored 10.

All-American Charlie Bradley poured in 26 for the Bulls, and Darryl Patterson added 14.

Lamont Coffey, a junior college transfer, became the second Hilltopper to quit the team this year when he left the squad last week. Coffey cited "personal reasons" for his decision.

Roberts signs 4 more for total of 23

Western coach Dave Roberts and his staff have ended their recruiting season by signing four more high school players, bringing the total since last Wednesday to 23 signees.

"We're very happy with the quality of the young men who've agreed to join our football team here at Western next fall," Roberts said. "We are still building the kind of team that we want to represent this university in the future, and we think these young men fit nicely

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into that plan."

The last four signees are all out-of-state players.

Signing with the Tops from Georgia were Fred Davis, a 6-2, 225-pound defensive end from East Rome High School and Jay Knox, a 6-2, 250-pound offensive guard from Palmetto High School.

Recruiting efforts in Alabama

produced Jeff Isom, a 6-1, 180-pound quarterback from Jacksonville High School and in Ohio the Tops signed Mark Marsh, a 6-2, 185-pound quarterback from Colerain High School in Cincinnati.

"We're really happy with the size, speed and talent of the players we've signed," Roberts said. "We got the athletes we wanted, and that's a credit to our coaches, who've worked awfully hard since the end of the 1984 season. I'm very proud of their efforts."

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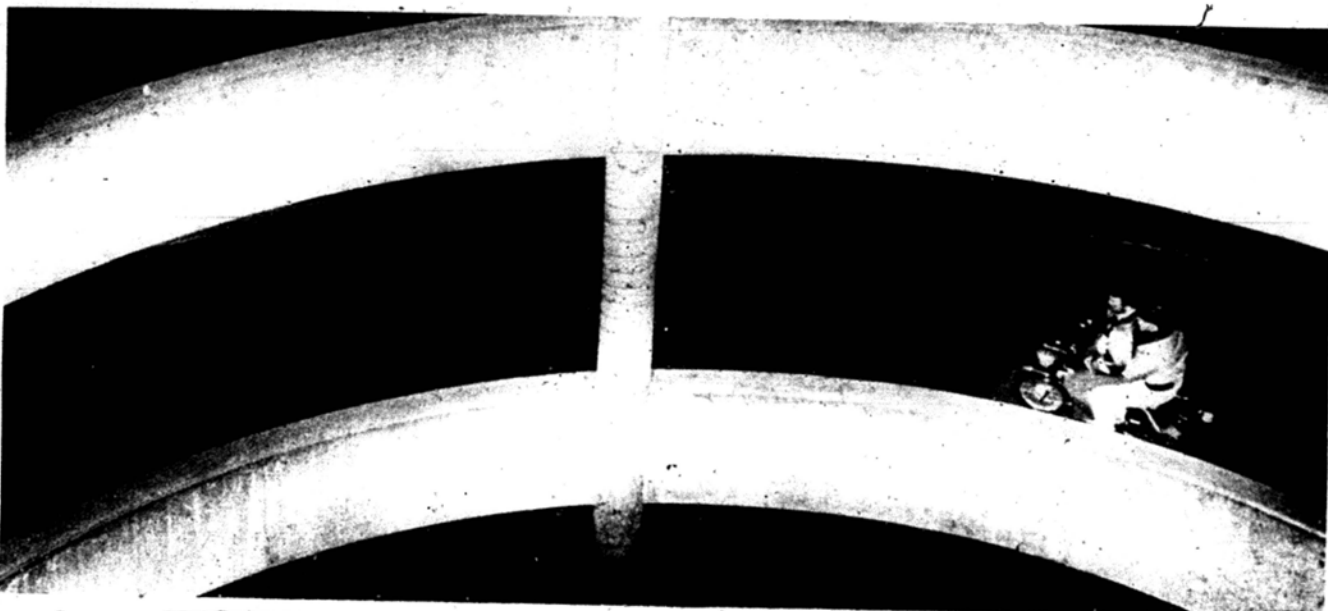
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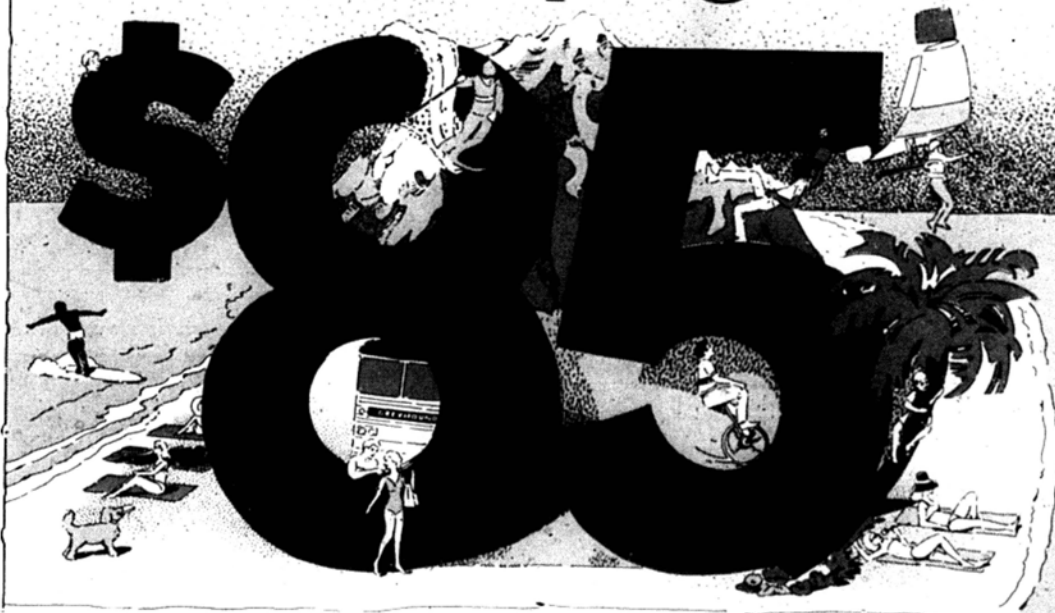
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